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NATIONAL WATERWAYS
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the number of National Waterways at present in the country;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to declare some waterways as National Waterways during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the Waterways selected therefor; and

(d) the fund earmarked for the development of those Waterways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) So far three waterways have been declared as National Waterways viz. The Ganga from Allahabad to Haldia (1620 Kms), the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 Kms) and the West Coast Canal along with Champakara andUdyogmandal Canals (205 Kms).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following waterways have been recommended to be declared as National Waterways in the Report of Working Group on Inland Water Transport for the 10th Five Year Plan:-

(i) River Barak

(ii) Kakinada-Mercaunam canal integrated with Rivers Godavari & Krishna.

(iii) East Coast Canal integrated with river Brahmani and Mahanadi.

(iv) Extension of National Waterway No. 3 upto Kovalam in the South and Kasargode in the North

(v) Sunderbans

(vi) D.V.C. canal

(d) A provision of Rs. 3369 crores is proposed in the 10th Plan Working Group Report.However, 10th Plan allocation is yet to be finilised by the Planning Commission.